A Radio Message for YOU!

The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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A Blessing and a Curse July 28-74

Jesus Satisfies

"There's not a craving of the mind
Which Jesus cannot fill;
There's not a pleasure I would seek
Aside from his dear will.
From hour to hour he fills my soul
With peace and perfect love;
While rich supplies for ev'ry need
He sendeth from above.

"The joys which this vain world bestows
Have lost their charms for me;
'One I enjoyed its trifles too,
But Jesus set me free.'
Its joys will perish in a day,
Its pleasures quickly fly,
Its mirth like mist will pass away,
And all its honors die.

"Christ stilled the angry tempest's power,
Which raged within my heart;
And bade each sinful passion there
To speedily depart.
Oh! Jesus is my all in all;
He satisfied my soul;
For me he died on Calvary,
And now he makes me whole.

"Yes, Jesus is my Saviour dear,
My Rock, my Strength, my Song,
My Wisdom and my Refuge safe--
To Jesus I belong.
He is my Advocate with God,
My Way, my Life, my Light,
My Great Physician, and my Friend,
My Guide by day and night." --E. E. Byrum

There is a scripture in the 11th chapter of Deuteronomy and beginning with verse 26 which tells how God sets before each of us a blessing and a curse. It is up to us which one we will choose. I like to think of us having the opportunity to choose for ourselves the course in life which we will pursue.

Listen as I give these words from the scriptures to you. "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Now the blessings described here are promised only to those who obey. In other words, it is the righteous who are going to receive the blessing. Therefore, we should learn what is required of each of us to be righteous. John speaks of it right here in I John the 3rd chapter and verses 7 and 8. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Now I believe

that is plain. In other words, a righteous person is one who does not commit sin. Does that seem too strong? Well it is not too strong according to these scriptures. In fact, the same thing is brought out in Romans the 6th chapter and verse 18. "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

A righteous person then is one whose sins are forgiven. They are covered by the atoning blood of Christ our Saviour. Here it is again in Romans the 4th chapter and verses 7 and 8. "Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

Let me show you the blessings which are going to accompany such a life. Deuteronomy 28 and beginning with verse 1 describes the state and condition of a nation who fears God. Here it is.

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

"And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them."

I would say then that there are enough blessings described in that scripture to cause every nation under heaven to want to be a righteous one. In fact, the righteous people are blessed with a hope which goes beyond the tomb.

They are blessed in keeping the commandments of God. They also receive a blessing making them financially able and willing to give of their earthly substance to those who are in need. Don't you remember the scripture which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We also find in Revelation that "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." Do you know when the first resurrection takes place? It is when you have been resurrected from a dead state of sin to live a new life in Christ Jesus right here in this world. Isn't that what the scriptures say? "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sin." All of these blessings, of course, come through faith in a resurrected Saviour.

And then we do have hope in the resurrection morning when all the dead shall be raised to meet the Lord. Certainly this is a wonderful hope that we as the children of God have in Christ.

But, my friends, I want to point out to you today that for the wicked there is only a curse. Daniel 12:10 says, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

Now just as Deuteronomy promises a blessing for the righteous, it also describes the curse which shall come upon the wicked. Here it is in the 28th chapter, beginning with verse 15.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

"Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

"The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me."

Friends, I'll tell you what we need in our cities and our country today. We need a return unto the things of God--a repenting and a turning away from the evil and the curses which are coming upon us. Surely God will notice and spare us from them when we turn unto Him. Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are glad for the promise of thy blessings upon the righteous. These are the things which we are seeking for today. Bless each one who hears the broadcast and may they so live that thou wilt not hesitate ot give them of thy very richest blessings, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, this message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy or if we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here then is a song entitled, "I Know Whom I Have Believed". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL. Until then this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant good-bye!

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Testimonies

From California: "Dear Willie and family, Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour and Lord who was so willing to suffer and die on that cruel cross that we might go free. Sister Luehring is still reading the Mission Trail to me, and we both enjoy it so much although we would love to hear it over the broadcast. . . May the Lord bless you and your family in this great work for the Lord. . ." --Sister Atha

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From Oklahoma: ". . . Oh, I thank God for his saints. I had a real burden last week. I requested prayer Sunday night, and praise God he answered. I heard Monday all was well. Oh, I just can't thank the dear Lord enough. . ."
--Ida Ruckman

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From California: ". . . I feel led to write and tell how wonderfully God has blessed me in soul and body. First I want to say I am saved and sanctified. Bless His holy name! Oh, it is truly wonderful how God has healed those terrible ulsers of 'vericose' vains I suffered with since around Dec. 1 until March 21. . . The pain was great but God was greater. He came and blessed me many times then healed me completely. Praise His holy name! . . . I want to thank you and all who held me before God. . ."--Sis. Dessie LeMelle

Meeting Notice

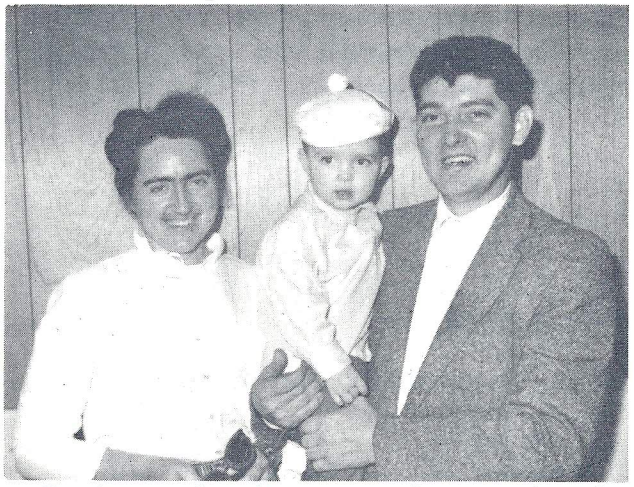
"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." --I Corinthians 15:58

From Kentucky: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings in Jesus dear and precious name. We do thank and praise the Lord for victory in our souls and a desire to press forward for the Lord. . . I have no thirsting for life's pleasure but just to be more like my dear Lord. I'm so thankful for what truth the Lord has revealed to my heart. The way seems so clear before me. There seems to be quite a falling away from the real truth of God's Word. I'm so thankful for the faithful few that are willing to bear the reproaches of the cross. . . The Lord permitted us to go to Dayton for Friday and Saturday nights' services. The Lord blessed Bro. Ostis to bring forth his Word. The meeting had been pretty well attended. We went to see dear Mother Sharp Friday. It is wonderful how the dear Lord keeps her encouraged. She is so willing to suffer for the Lord. Pray for her. I'm sure she would appreciate it very much.

"Bro. Willie, I'm writing you at this time as we would like for you to put a piece in the Mission Trail announcing our revival meeting. It will start next Sunday, April 28, and last at least for a week or as the dear Lord leads. We don't have a certain evangelist, but are looking to the Lord to send the ministers of his choosing. Do pray much for this meeting as we so desire to see the little work grow here. I feel we are going to have a good revival. Help us pray it down. Give my love to all." --Sis. Verna Samons, Route 2, Box 156, Danville, Kentucky 40422.

at press time

we understand:



Gordon and Sybilla Humphrey and John

We were glad to have Brother Gordon Humphrey and his wife Sybilla and their son John visit us last week. He reports that they have recently been in Penn., and that they plan to be there again soon and start meeting on Wednesday night, May 8. It will be held in the home of Earl and Avis Tinsley at 706 Silvis Way Level Green, Trafford, Penn. 15085. Bro. Gordon would be pleased to have those living in that area come to the services. They will probably be there at least a week or more.

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One reader wrote: ". . . Remember me in prayer for the healing of my body. I am very sick. . . Also I have a special unspoken request. Please put it in the paper so all the saints can pray very earnestly for my healing and the unspoken request. . ."

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Sister Beulah Johnson of Winnsboro, Louisiana desires prayer for the healing of her husband and other loved ones.

Many Thanks

We want to take this means of thanking everyone for the kindness shown to us at this time of great loss and sorrow. Some gave me love offerings and sent flowers. I don't remember their names, or they did not give their address. Surely we need your earnest prayers, and we know we have the prayers of the saints. May the Lord reward you everyone for every act of kindness and love to us.

--Sister Darius Gibson & family

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Quite a number came from a considerable distance to attend the funeral of Bro. Darius Gibson Friday, April 26. Sister Evelyn's right eye is giving her much trouble, and she desires prayer for this. Evelyn has now gone back to Missouri and her address is the same as it was before: Route 3, Box 23, Seymour, Missouri 65746. She does not have a phone now, but she may be reached by calling person to person to her son Samuel, 935-4405, or her son Reuel, 935-4871. The area code is 417.

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We visited Ernest and Eva Mitchell at the Golden Rule Home last Sunday. He still needs much help from the Lord. Others there also need healing.

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From Oregon: ". . . I am still living for the Lord and need your prayers. . . . The Lord has finally helped me to sell out so I am moving to Albany, Ore. where my children live of which I am thankful. . ." --Mrs. Helen Haven

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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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